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Edmonton physician found not guilty of unprofessional conduct

Edmonton, AB – Dr. Gulnaz (“Gul”) Jiwa, an Obstetrics and Gynecology Practitioner from Edmonton, was found not guilty of unprofessional conduct by a CPSA hearing tribunal.

It was alleged that during a surgical procedure in December 2016 to remove a cyst, Dr. Jiwa also performed a left salpingectomy (removal of the fallopian tube) without confirming whether the patient had signed a consent form prior to surgery. Dr. Jiwa also allegedly failed to document the salpingectomy in the surgery’s Operative Report.

After listening to testimony from the patient, an expert witness and Dr. Jiwa, the hearing tribunal recognized that CPSA’s standard of practice on informed consent does not specify that consent must be in writing. While Dr. Jiwa did not ensure her patient had signed the written consent form on the day of the surgery, it was documented that the patient did give verbal consent during an office visit (when the procedure was discussed and Dr. Jiwa advised a salpingectomy was possible) and again in the OR, prior to surgery. The tribunal also accepted that Dr. Jiwa’s failure to ensure the salpingectomy was documented in the Operative Report was an oversight and not intentional.

The hearing tribunal ruled that while several errors were made, they did not meet the definition of ‘unprofessional conduct’ and dismissed the charges against Dr. Jiwa.

Dr. Jiwa is still practising in Edmonton and has completed additional training to ensure she is meeting expected standards for charting and obtaining informed consent.

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